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Conservation Commission Minutes 10/07/2010

Arlington Conservation Commission
 Minutes
 October 7, 2010

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, Charles Tirone, David White, Ellen Reed, Curt Connors and Catherine Garnett of the Commission. Member Ezra Benjamin was not in attendance. Member William O'Rourke has resigned. Selectwoman Clarissa Rowe and Karen Grossman were also attending.

7:45 p.m. – Commission Business

Mr. Connors was sworn in and is now the newest member of the board.

Mr. Stevens turned in \$30 cash in book sales from Town Day.

Reed/Tirone motioned to approve the 9/16 minutes as edited; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rowe notified the Commission of some proposed changes to the Alewife Greenway project that were being discussed. The Commission discouraged the proposed use of asphalt, in place of the "stone dust", pervious surface for the bikepath behind Arizona Terrace.

7:45pm Executive Session –

Tirone/White motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss pending property acquisition; motion passed, Mr. Tirone voted aye, Mr. Stevens voted aye, Mr. White voted aye, Ms. Reed voted aye, Ms. Garnett voted aye, and Mr. Connors voted aye. The Commission went into Executive Session and made no decisions.

Reed/Connors motioned to return to regular session; motion passed, Ms. Reed voted aye, Mr. Connors voted aye, Ms. Garnett voted aye, Mr. White voted aye, Mr. Tirone voted aye, and Mr. Stevens voted aye.

8pm Enforcement - 24 Sheraton Park

Both Mr. Stevens and Mr. Tirone recused themselves from this portion of the meeting.

Ms. Garnett met with Ms. Sacco and they compiled a plant list of sedges, fern and a grass. The Commission would like this planting plan completed by June 1, 2011. The board will ask Ms. Garnett if a few low shrubs could be added to the design and will continue this item to the next meeting, 10/7.

Mr. Stevens and Mr. Tirone returned to the meeting.

9:15pm Amendments to Bylaw Regulations

The Commission discussed edits, including proposed revisions to Vegetation Replacement section, discussed need (or not) for small project definition, and that no permits should last longer than 6 years. Mr. Tirone expressed dismay at the section on variances.

Reed/White motioned to continue the hearing to October 21, 2010; motion passed unanimously.

Documents reviewed: draft changes to the bylaw regulations.

9:30pm Discussion- Spy Pond Park path reconstruction

Ms. Grossman discussed whether another permit would be needed to control poison ivy. She spoke with Aquatic Control Technology who said to confirm there is permission for this work in place. The Commission advised that a Notice of Intent would have to be filed if there was not an open permit or special condition allowing for maintenance.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator